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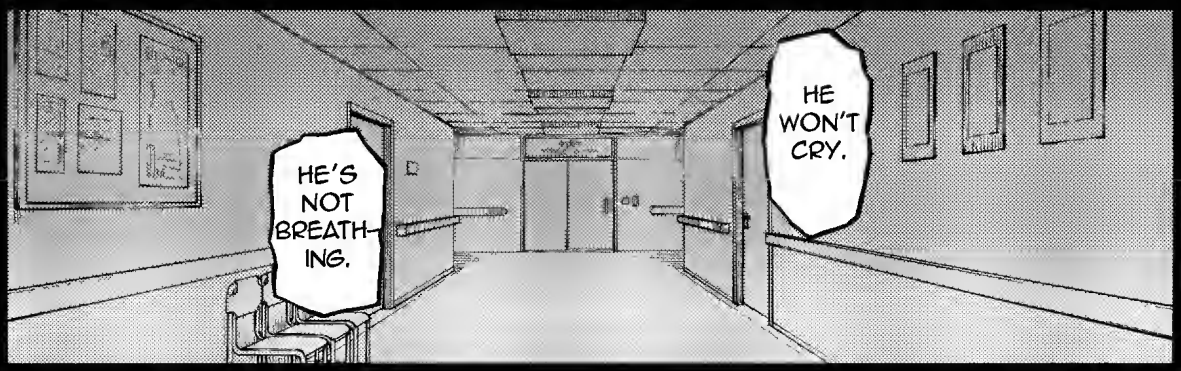
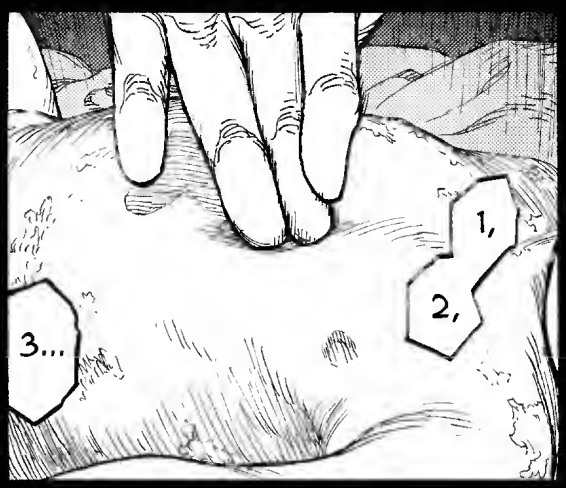
COMICS

CHAPTER 49

GAMON SAKURAI
TSUINA MIURA


HE'S NOT BREATH-ING.
HE WON'T CRY.


1,
2,
3...

HE'S HYPOX-IC.

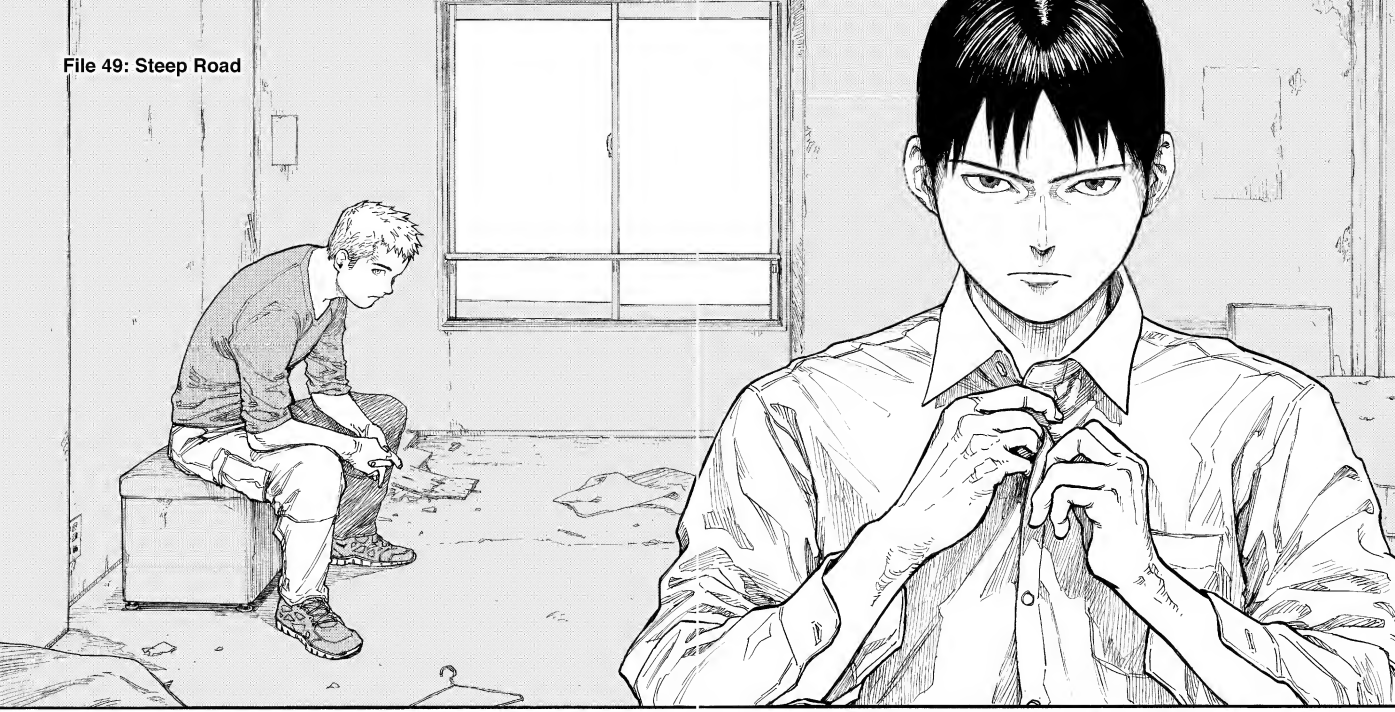
分娩室
Delivery room
...

IT'S NO GOOD ...

OOZE
WAAH
WAAH
WAAH
WAAH

IT'S A MIRACLE.
KEI...

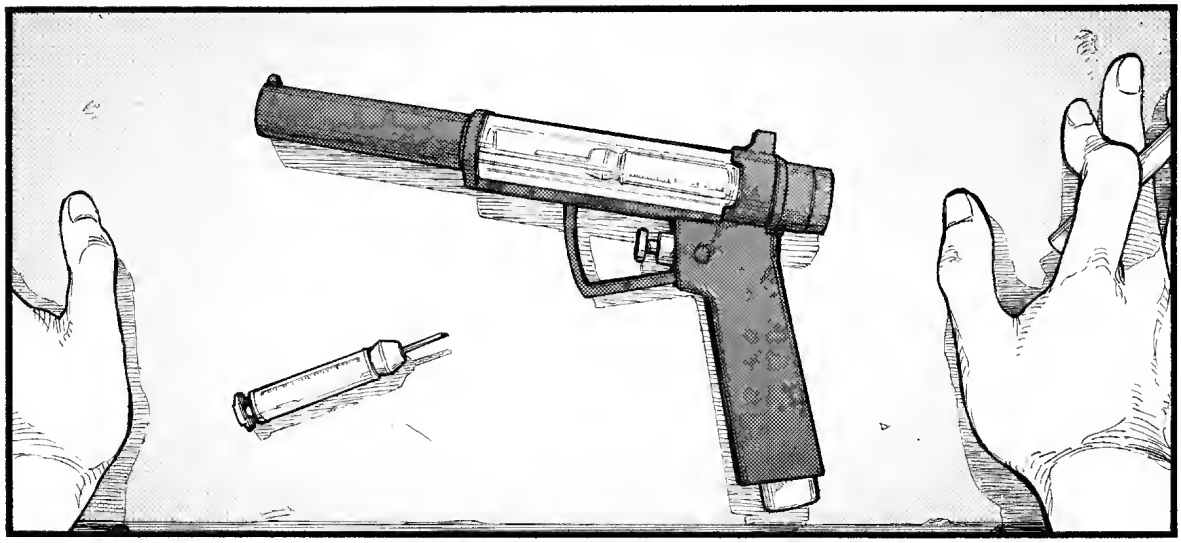
File 49: Steep Road

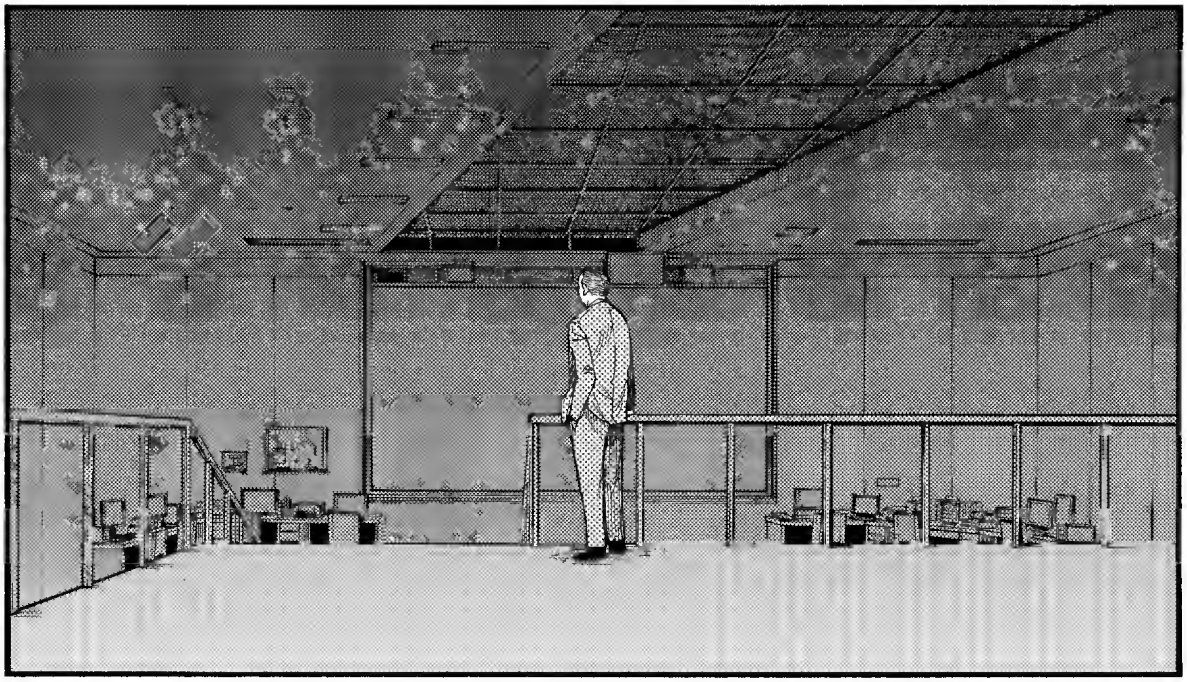


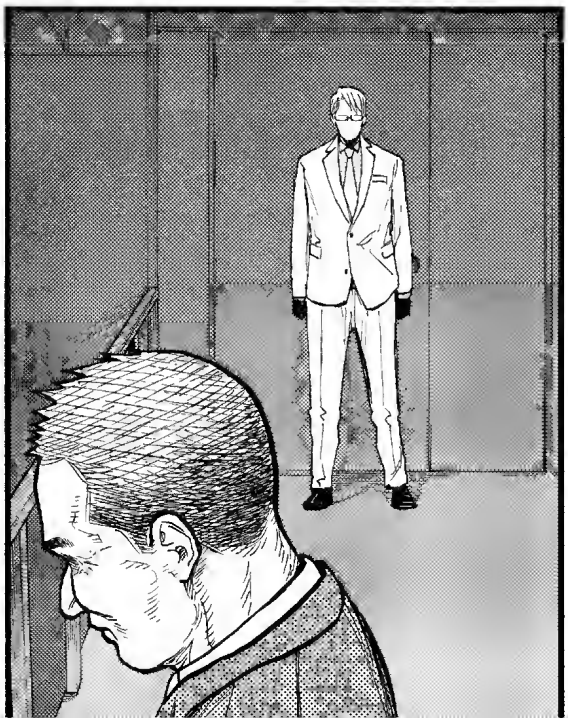
THESE CLOTHES MAKE ME BLEND IN, RIGHT?

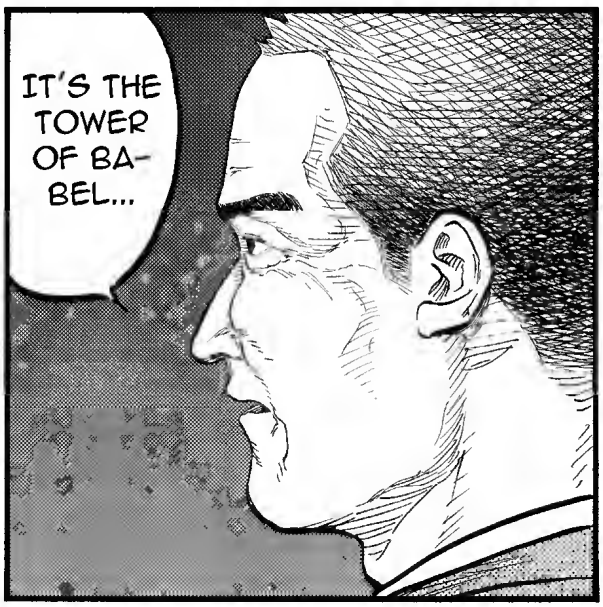
I AM A HIGH SCHOOL-ER.

YOU LOOK LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL-ER.





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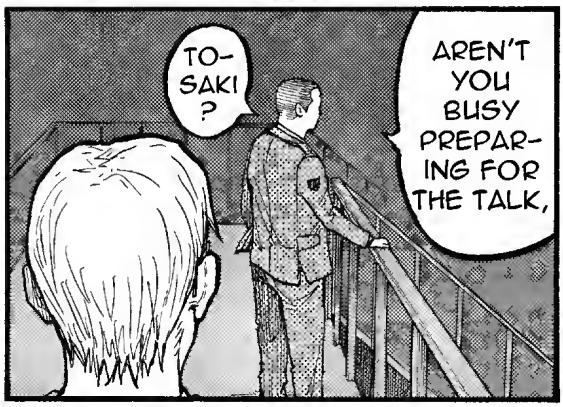
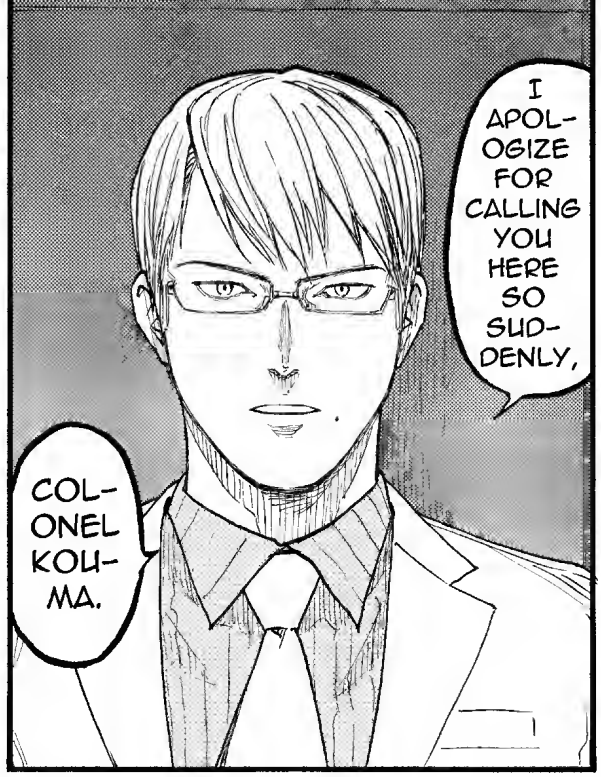
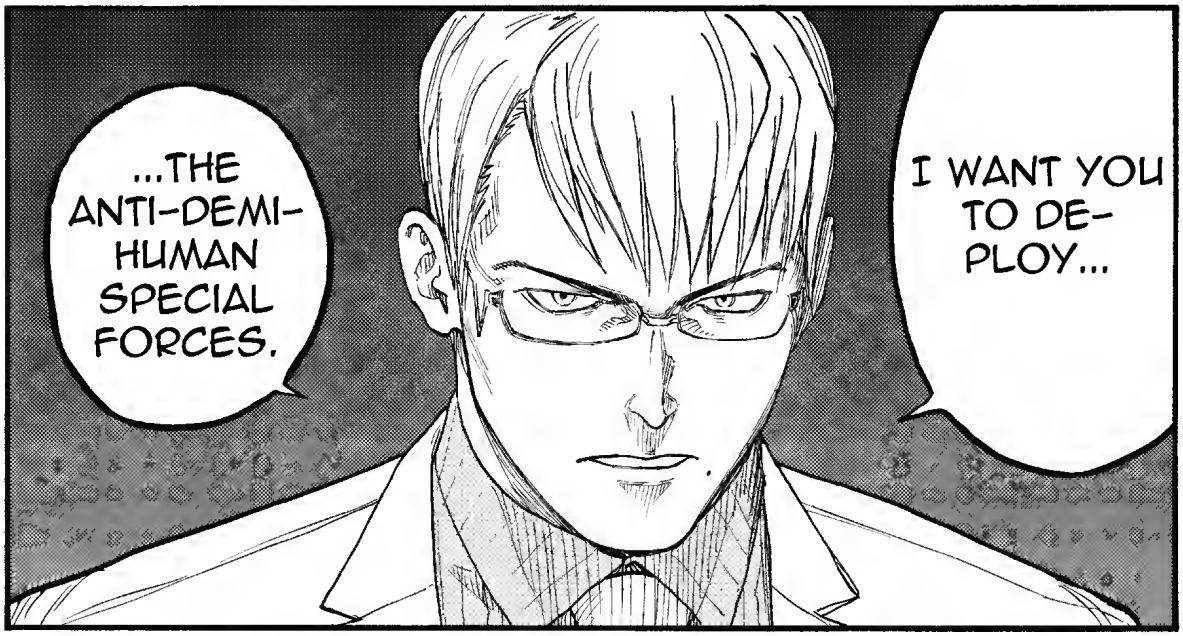
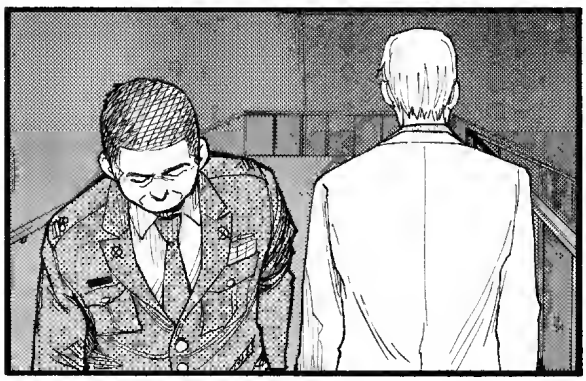
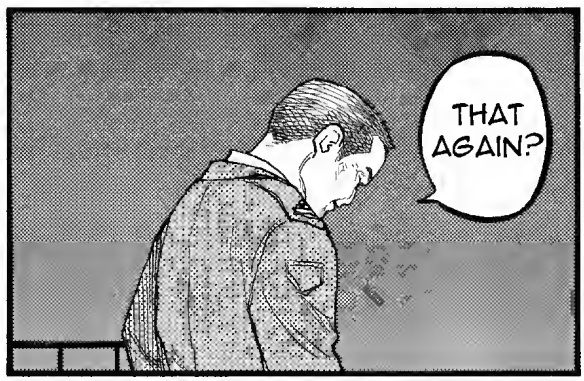

TO-SAKI?
AREN'T YOU BUSY PREPAR-ING FOR THE TALK,

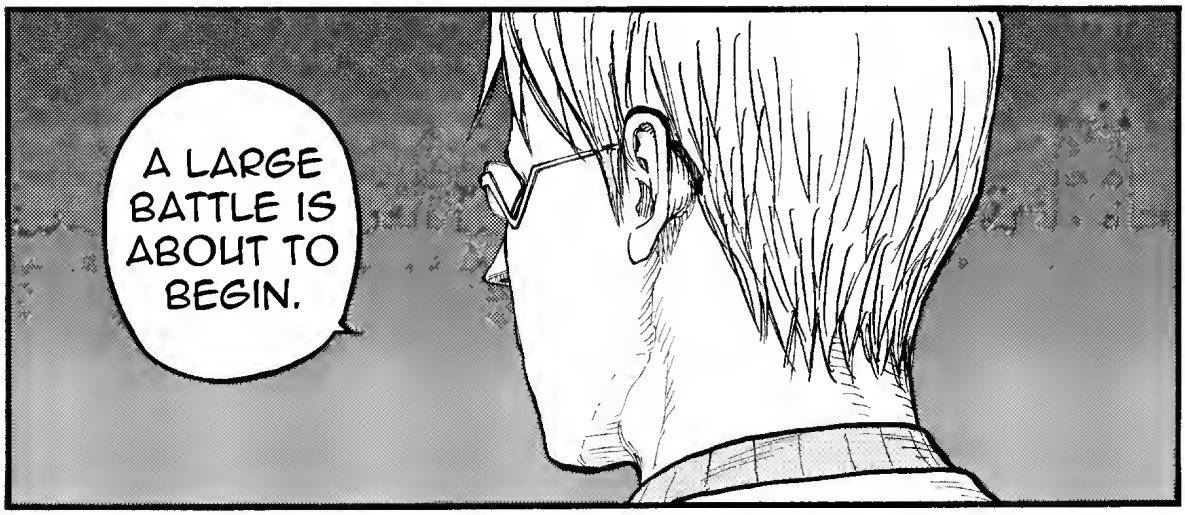
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

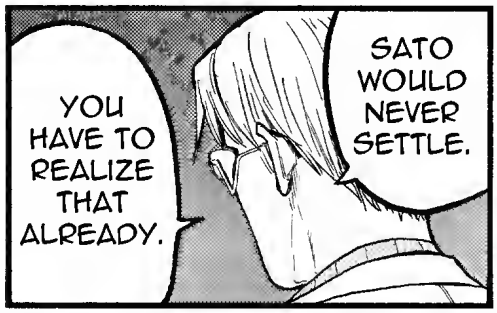

I APOL-OGIZE FOR CALLING YOU HERE SO SUD-DENLY,
COL-ONEL KOU-MA.


...THE ANTI-DEMI-HUMAN SPECIAL FORCES.
I WANT YOU TO DE-PLOY...

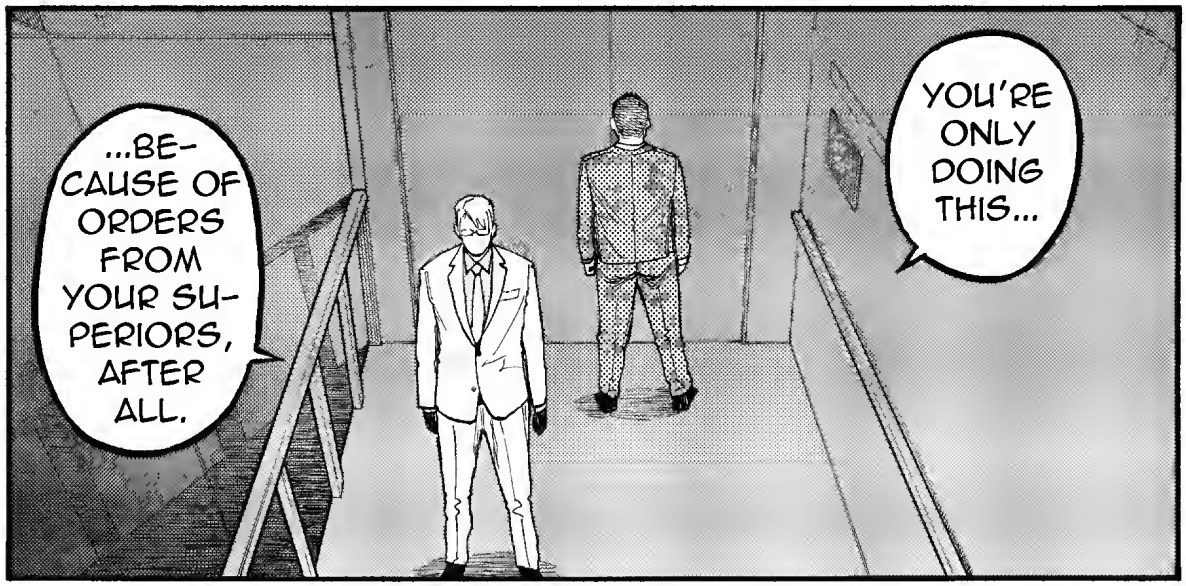



THAT AGAIN?


A LARGE BATTLE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

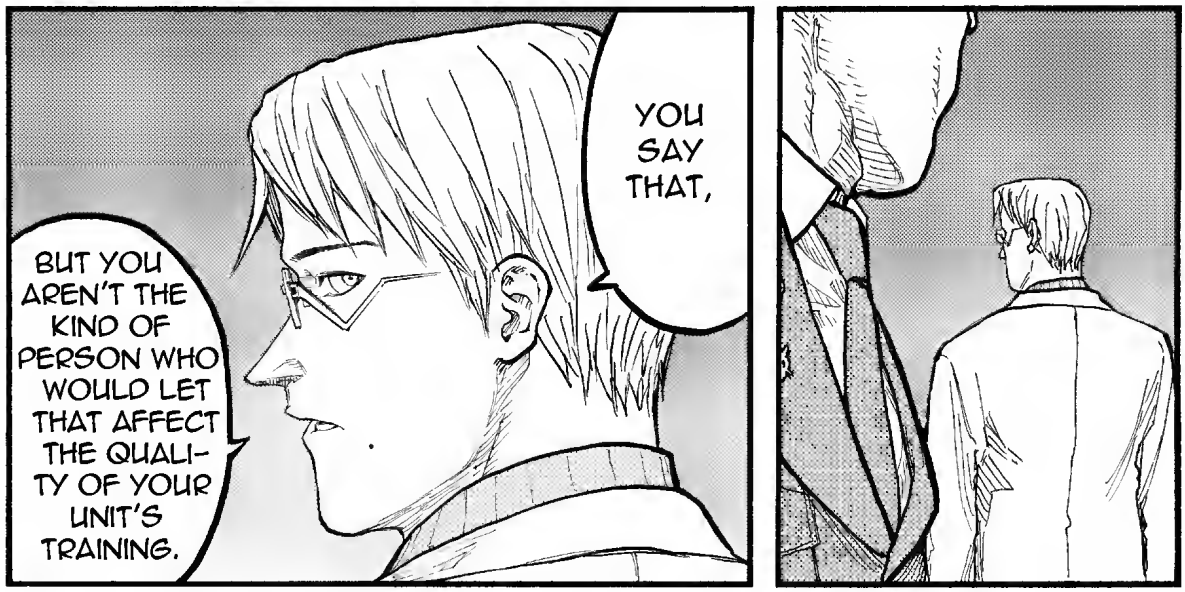

SATO WOULD NEVER SETTLE.
YOU HAVE TO REALIZE THAT ALREADY.

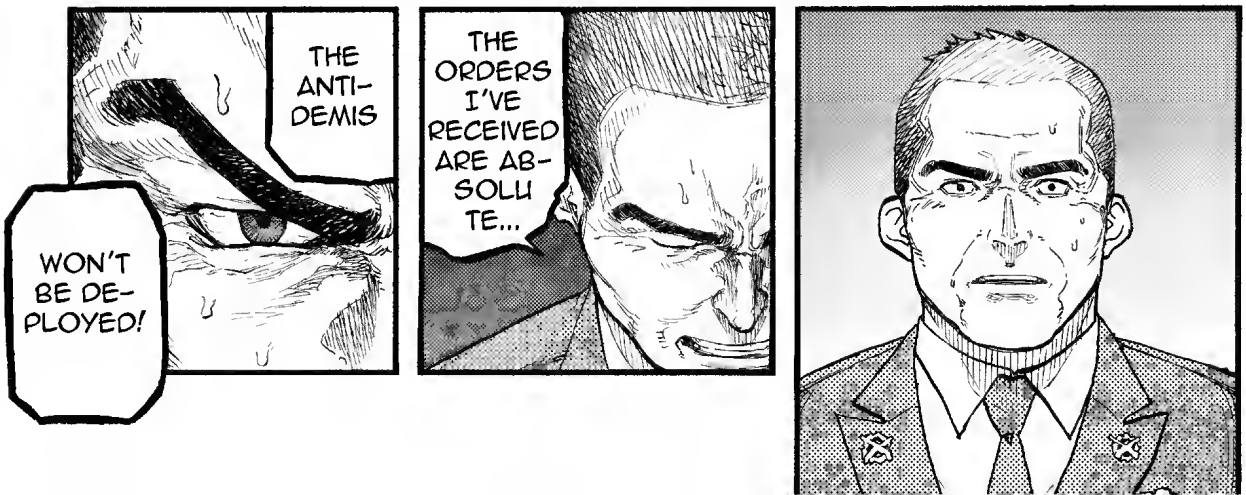
...
NO. NOT ONLY ARE THE ANTI-DEMIS A TOP-SECRET UNIT, THEY'RE ILLEGAL.


YOU'RE ONLY DOING THIS...
...BECAUSE OF ORDERS FROM YOUR SUPERIORS, AFTER ALL.

...AT FIRST,
I WAS BAFFLED. I'D BEEN ORDERED TO SELECT A SMALL NUMBER OF ELITE MEN SO THAT I COULD FORM AND COMMAND THE ANTI-DEMIS.
THEN, ONE DAY,
I GOT A SMALL PACKAGE FROM MY SUPERIOR.
"PUT THESE ON THE ANTI-DEMIS' UNIFORMS," HE SAID.
THEY WERE INSIG-NIA.
AND IN BIG LETTERS, THEY SAID "ANTI-DEMI-HUMAN SPECIAL FORCES."
REAL-LY? THIS IS A TOP-SECRET UNIT HERE...!
I'D STARTED TO REALIZE SOME-THING.
AND IF I COULD HELP PROTECT MY COUNTRY BY DOING IT,
WELL ...
BUT.
YOU SEE A LOT OF THINGS BY THE TIME YOU GET TO MY POSITION.
YOU STOP CARING SO MUCH ABOUT THINGS LIKE SHAME.

THE ANTI-DEMIS ...
...ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A PLAY-THING FOR A BUNCH OF FOOLS WITH MORE MONEY THAN SENSE!
THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF ACTUALLY MAKING USE OF THIS UNIT.


YOU SAY THAT,
BUT YOU AREN'T THE KIND OF PERSON WHO WOULD LET THAT AFFECT THE QUALI-TY OF YOUR UNIT'S TRAINING.


THE ANTI-DEMIS
WON'T BE DE-PLOYED!
THE ORDERS I'VE RECEIVED ARE AB-SOLU TE...

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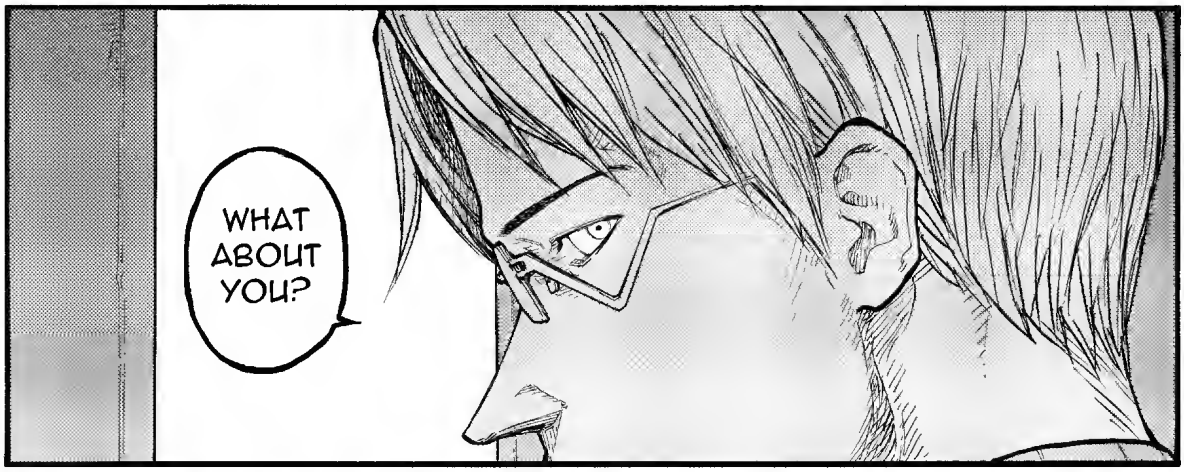
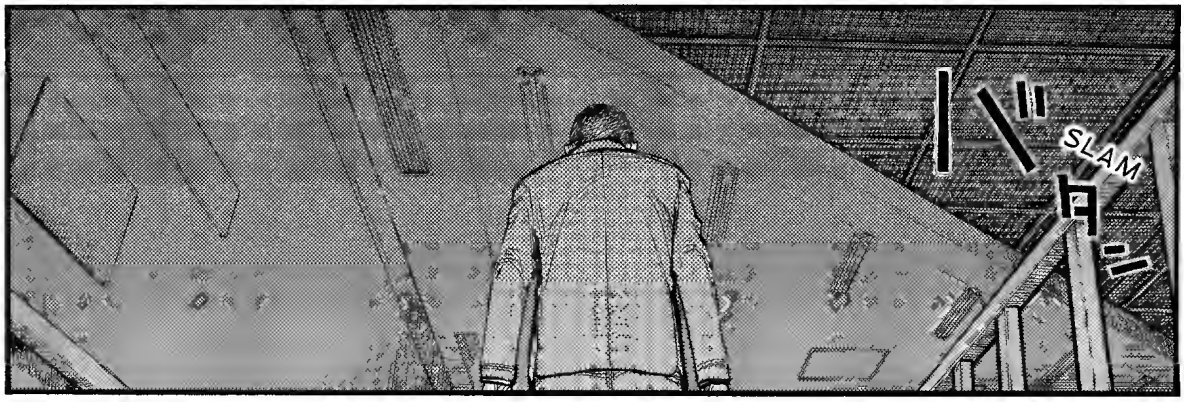
GA-CHIK
COLONEL KOUMA.
MY OWN ACTIONS...
...HAVE SENT MANY, MANY PEOPLE TO HELL.
BUT I HAVE NEVER HAD TO LOOK BACK...
...AND REGRET ANY OF IT.


WHAT ABOUT YOU?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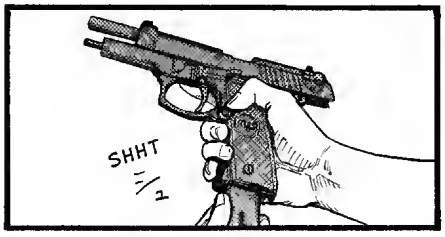
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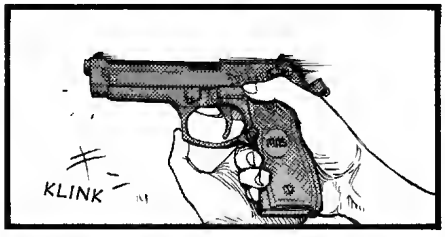
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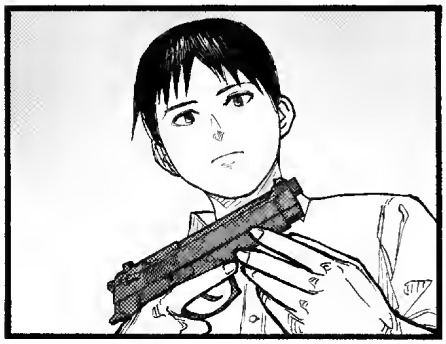
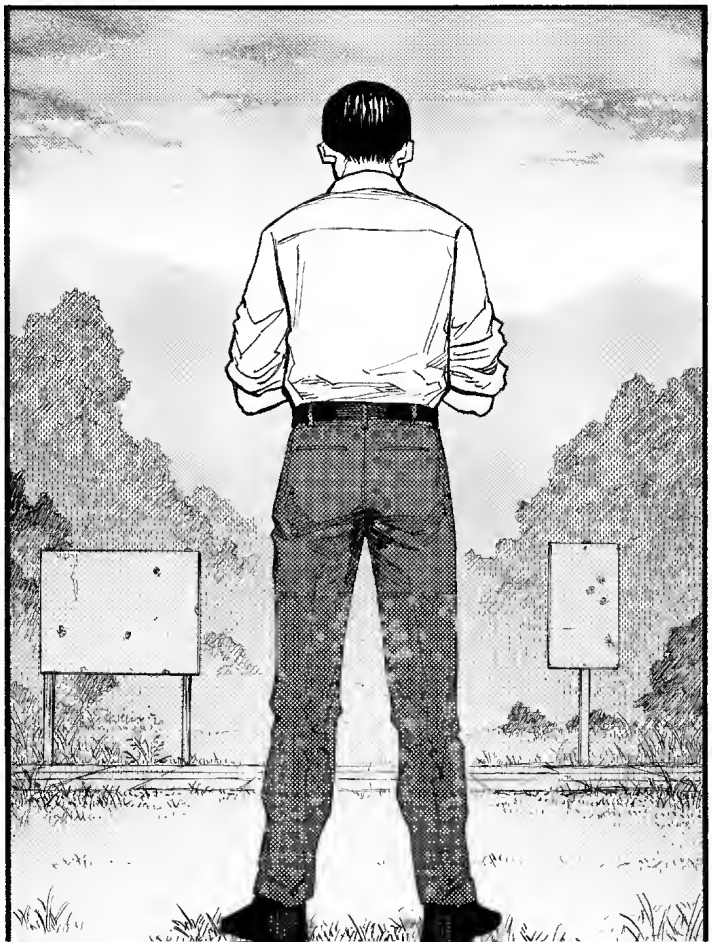
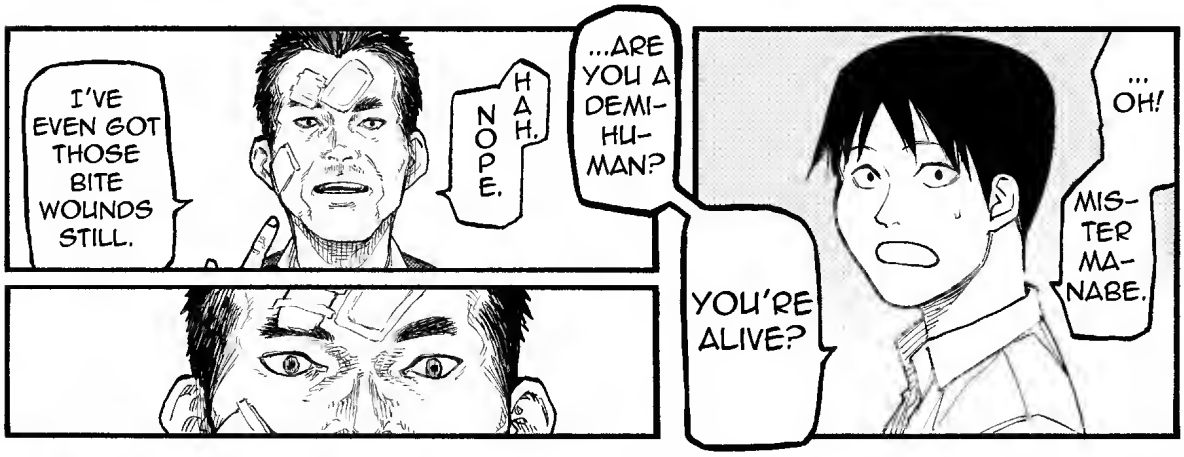
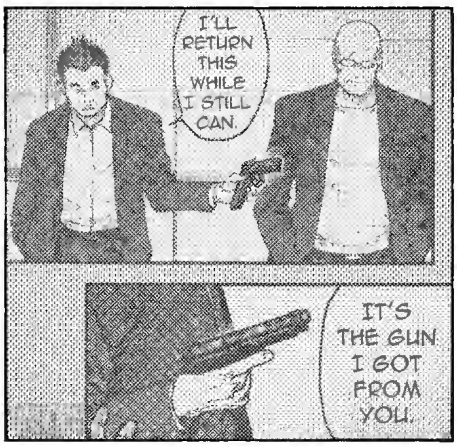
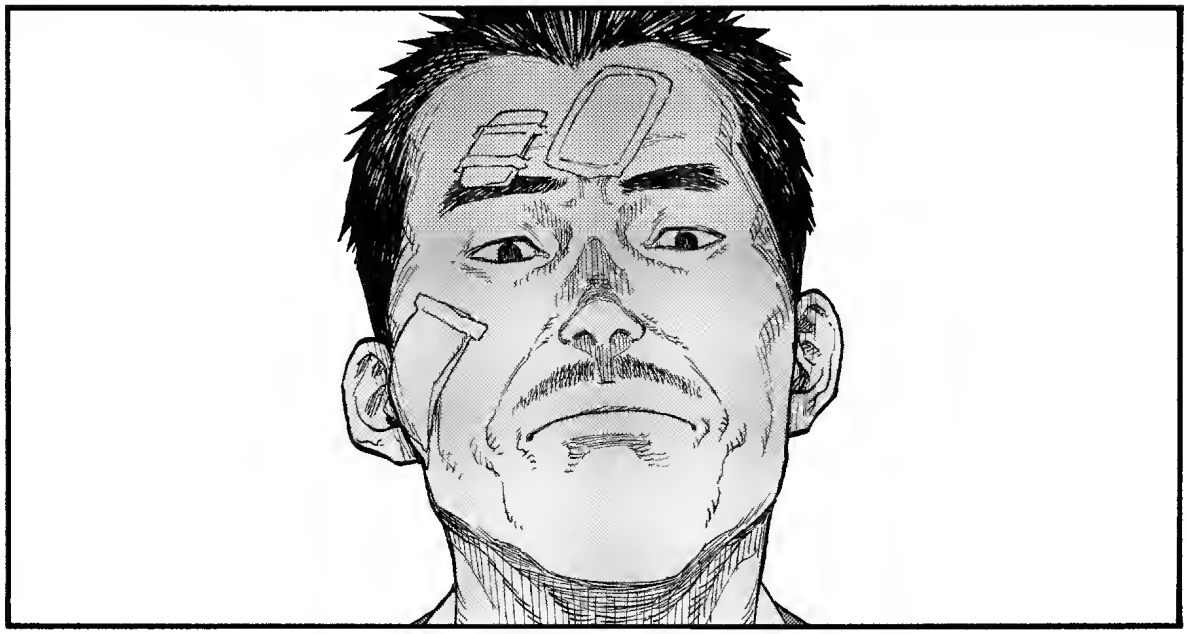




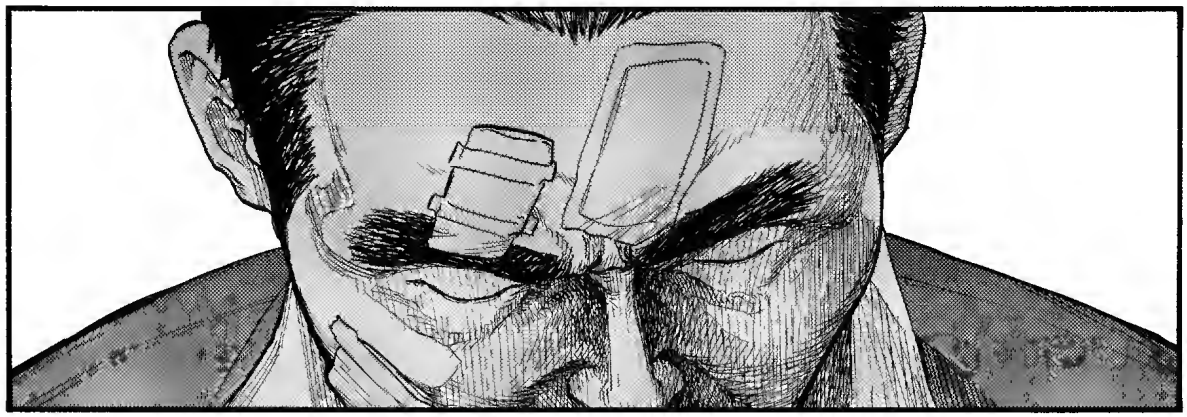
WHERE'S EVERYONE ELSE?

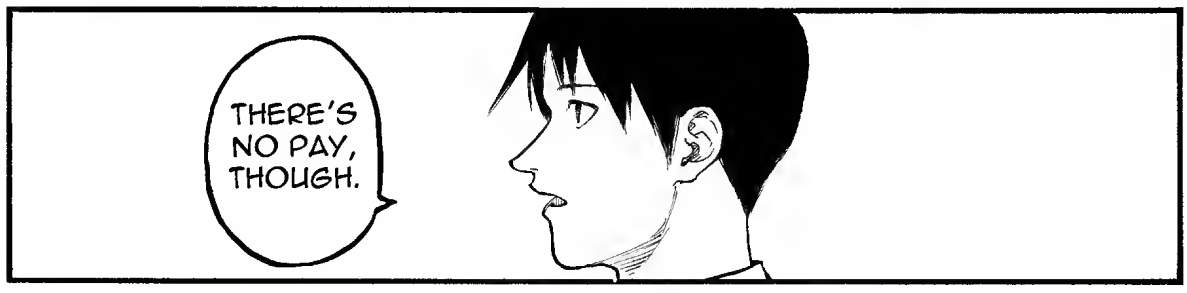

I'VE EVEN GOT THOSE BITE WOUNDS STILL.
HAH. NOPE.
...ARE YOU A DEMI-HU-MAN?
YOU'RE ALIVE?
... OH!
MIS-TER MA-NABE.


I'LL RETURN THIS WHILE I STILL CAN.
IT'S THE GUN I GOT FROM YOU.



WILL YOU COME WITH US?

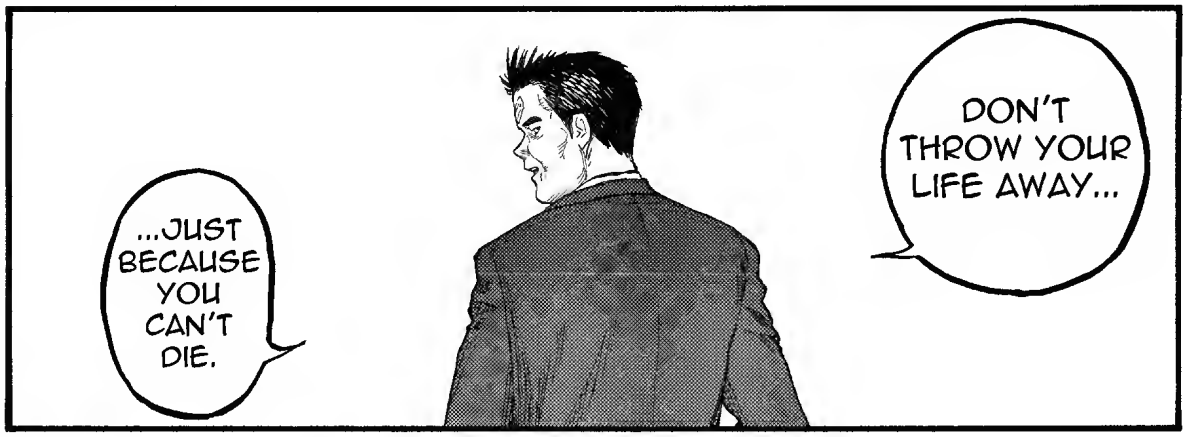


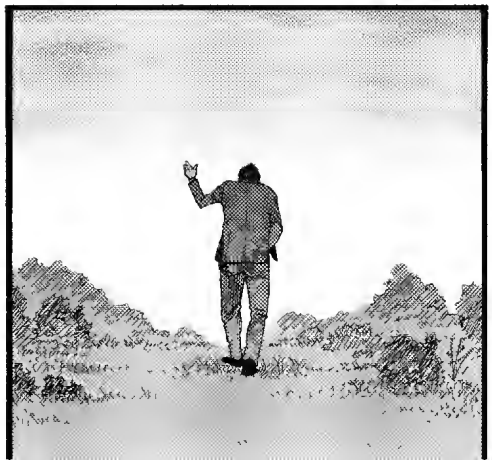

THERE'S NO PAY, THOUGH.

...IS THAT SO.

NA-GAI. YOU OUGHTA QUIT, TOO.

I'M OUT.
NOPE!


...JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DIE.
DON'T THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY...



ISN'T THAT AN OXYMO-RON?

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THUNK
COOL BOX

TIME TO GET READY.
OKAY.
COOL BOX
GA-CHIK
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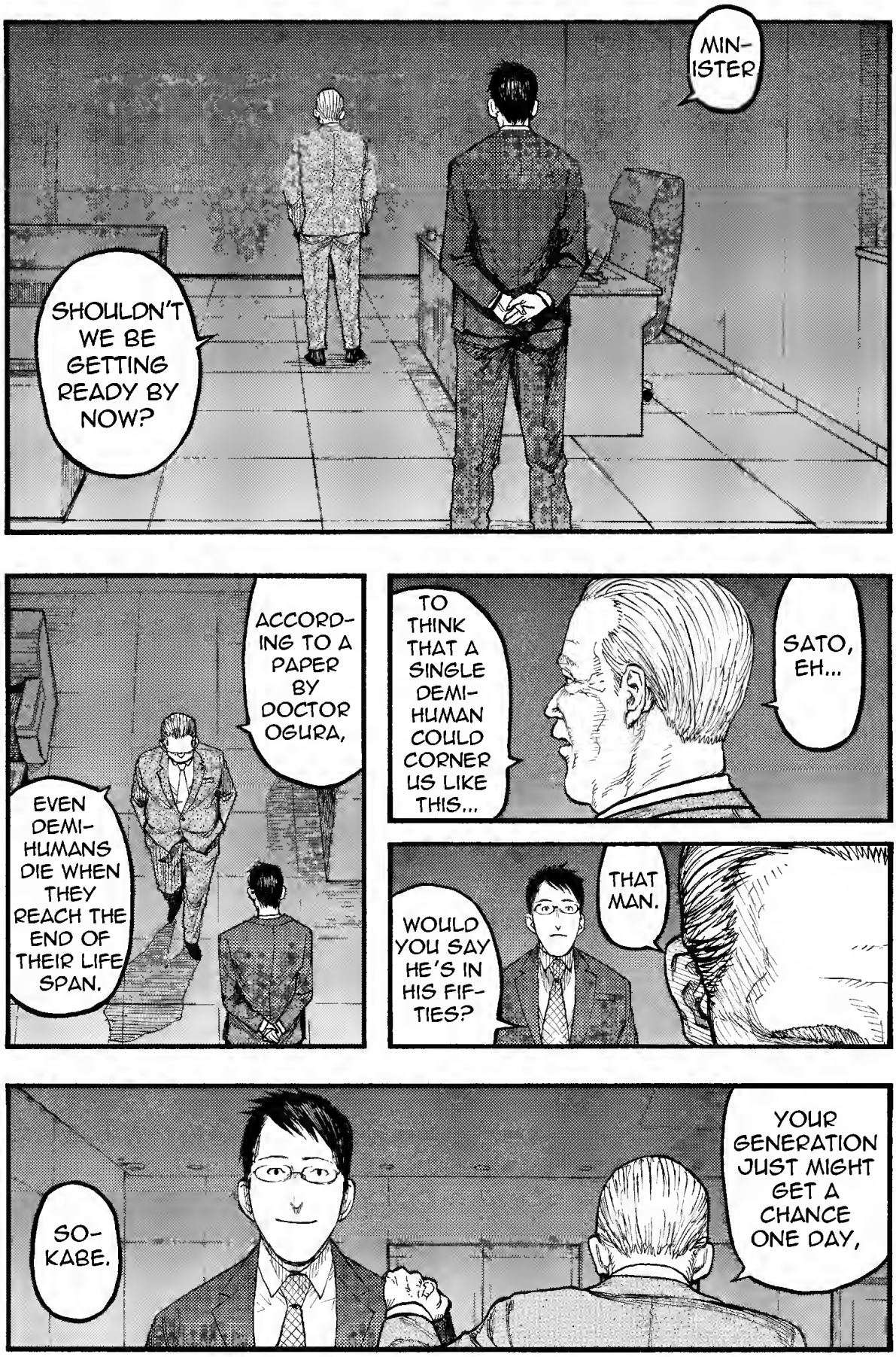
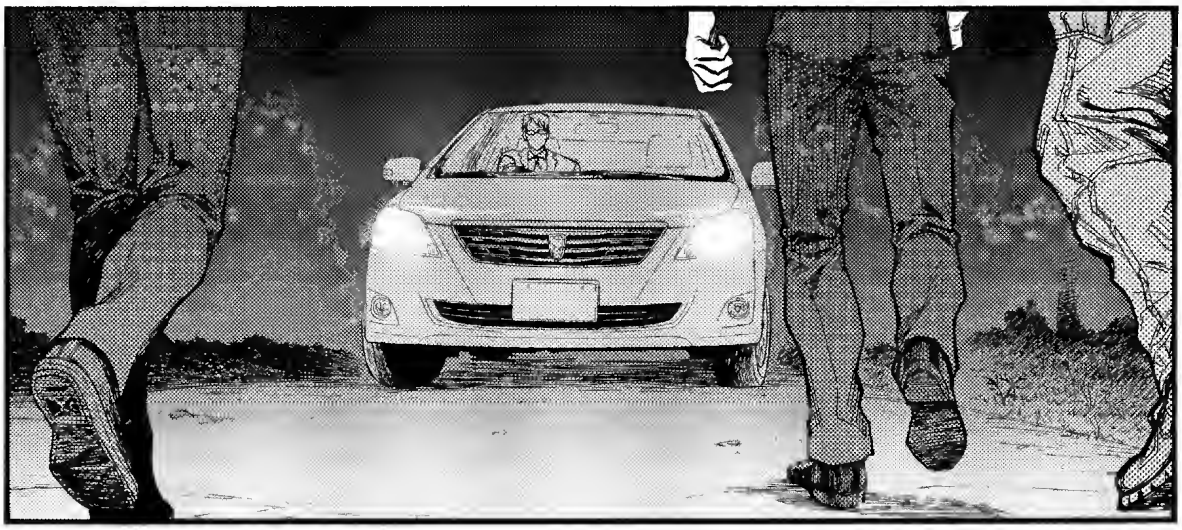
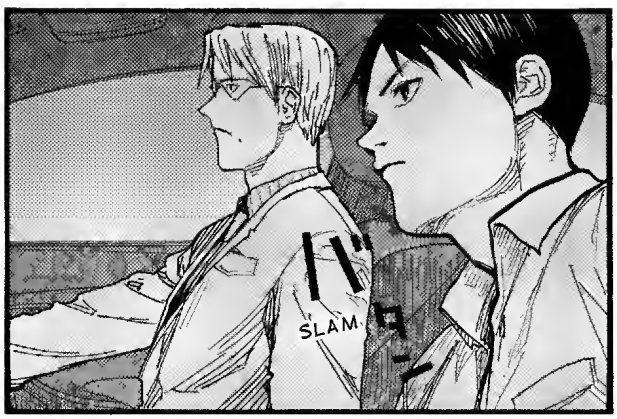
SLAM
バタン


MIN-
ISTER
SHOULDN'T WE BE GETTING READY BY NOW?
ACCORD-
ING TO A PAPER BY DOCTOR OGURA,
EVEN DEMI-
HUMANS DIE WHEN THEY REACH THE END OF THEIR LIFE SPAN.
TO THINK THAT A SINGLE DEMI-
HUMAN COULD CORNER US LIKE THIS...
SATO, EH...
THAT MAN.
WOULD YOU SAY HE'S IN HIS FIF-
TIES?
YOUR GENERATION JUST MIGHT GET A CHANCE ONE DAY,
SO-
KABE.

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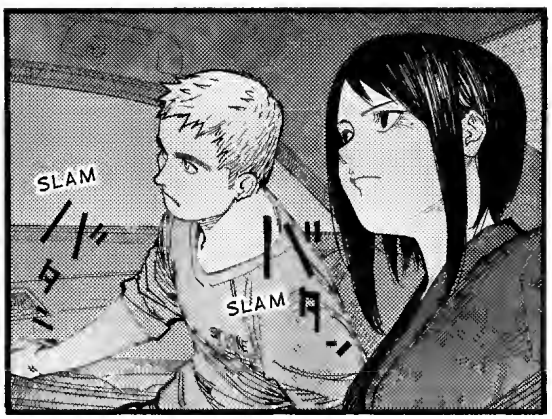
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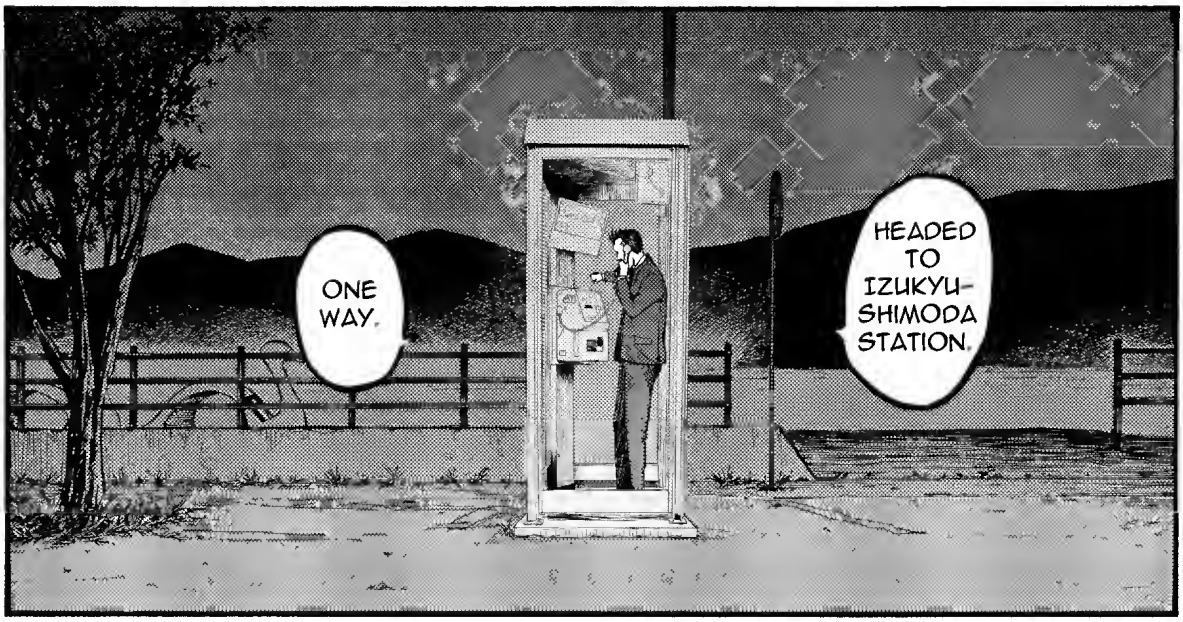
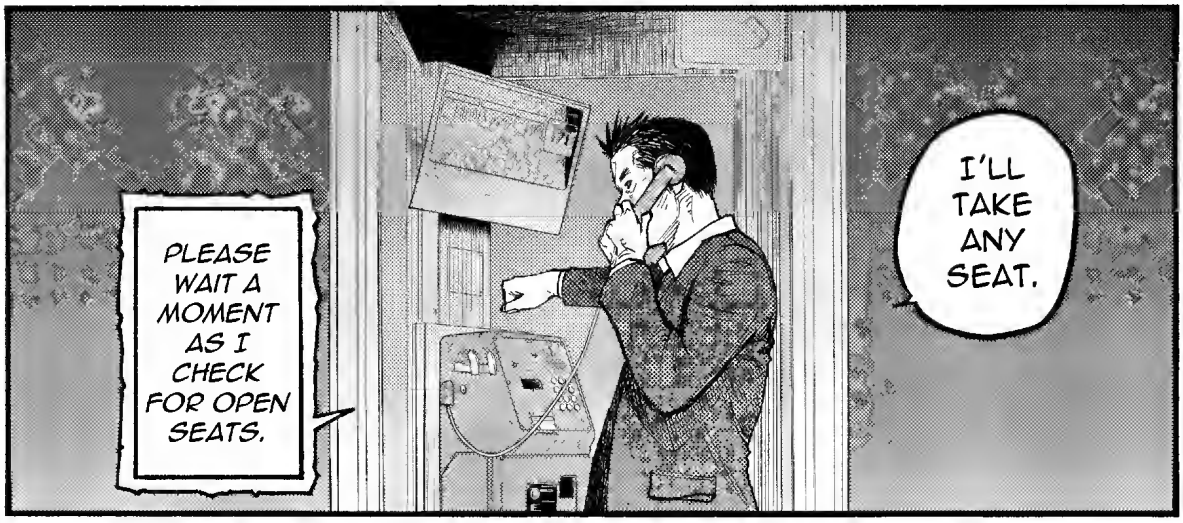
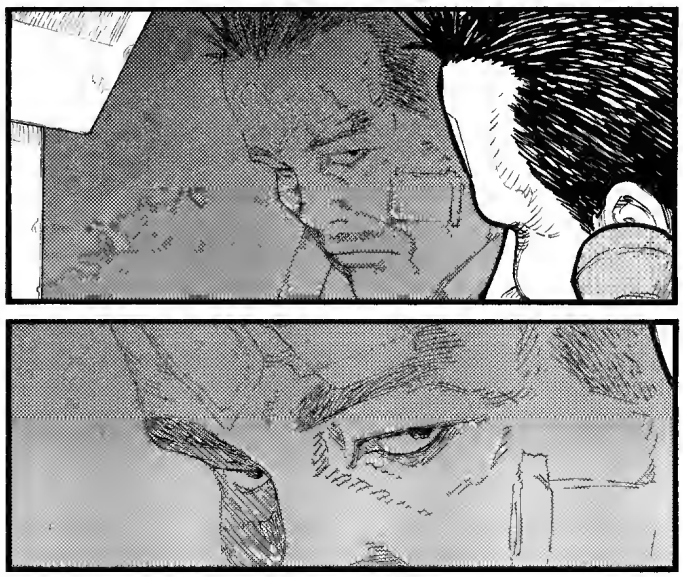
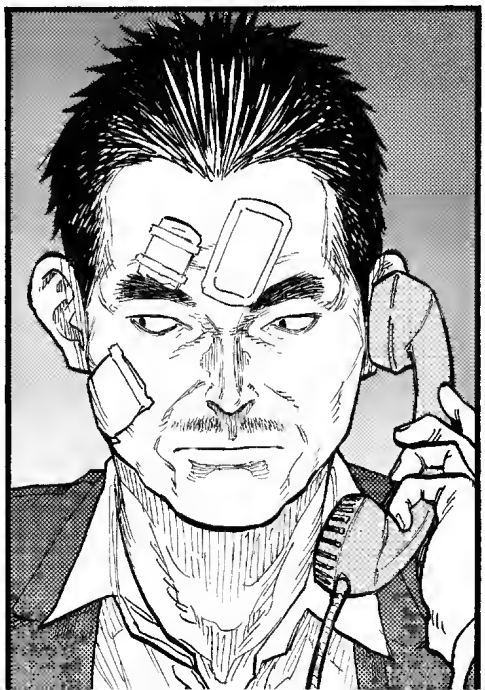
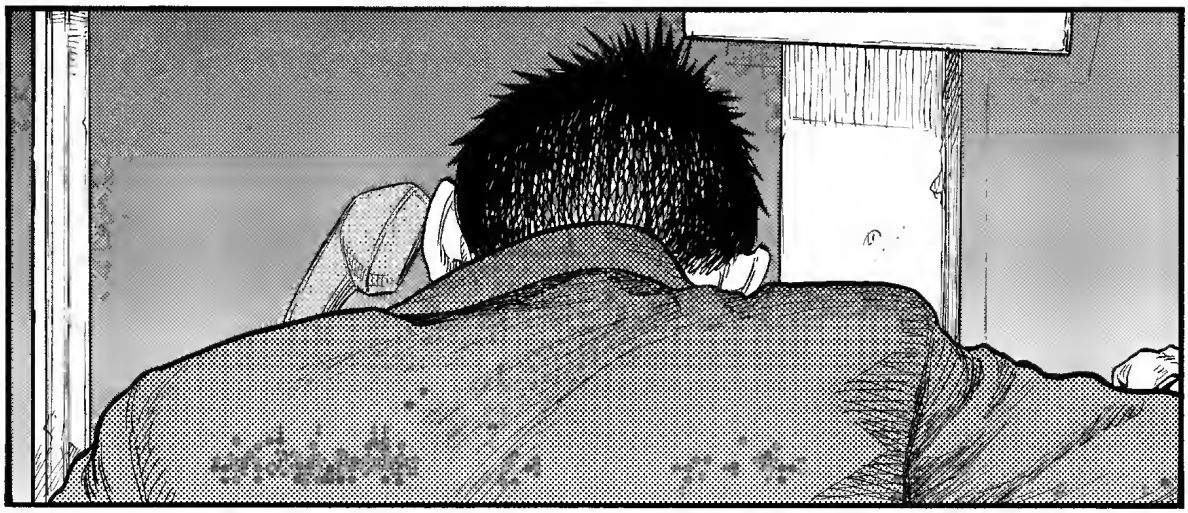
OH.
SO THE PARTY'S OVER?
HEY, C'MON. TELL ME IF YOU'RE LEAVING.
JUST ... ...LET ME OFF WHEREVER SEEMS GOOD.
SLAM
GIMME A RIDE, THEN.
MY LAST PACK.
MILD SEVEN
DO YOU NOT NEED TO BRING YOUR SUPPLY OF CIGARETTES?

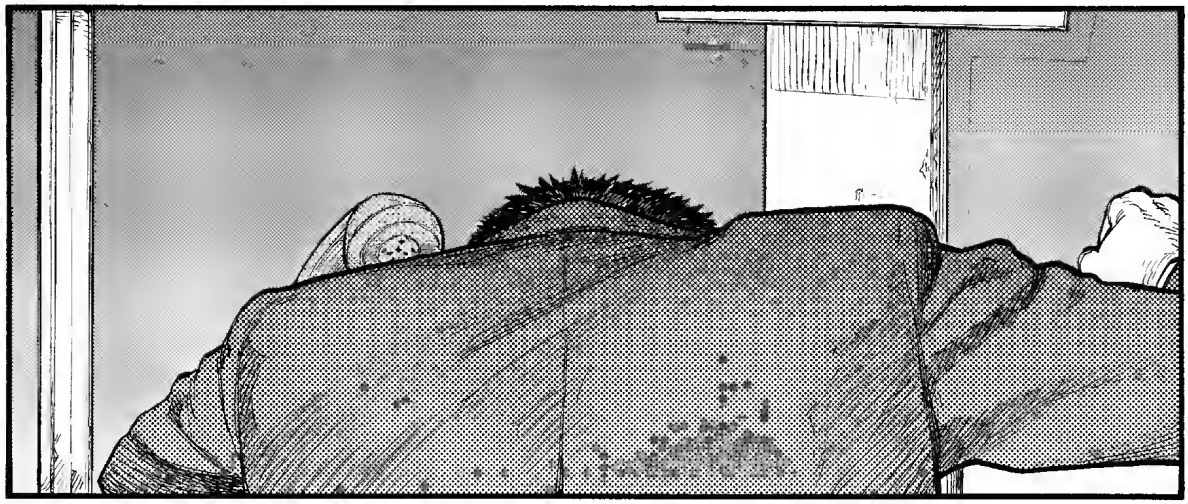

ONE WAY.
HEADED TO IZUKYU-SHIMODA STATION.

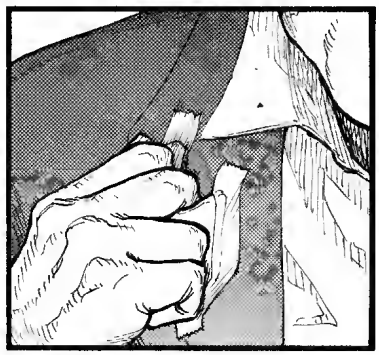

PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT AS I CHECK FOR OPEN SEATS.
I'LL TAKE ANY SEAT.

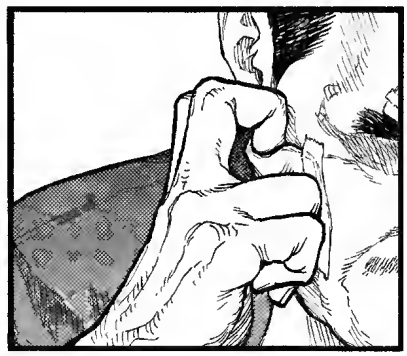


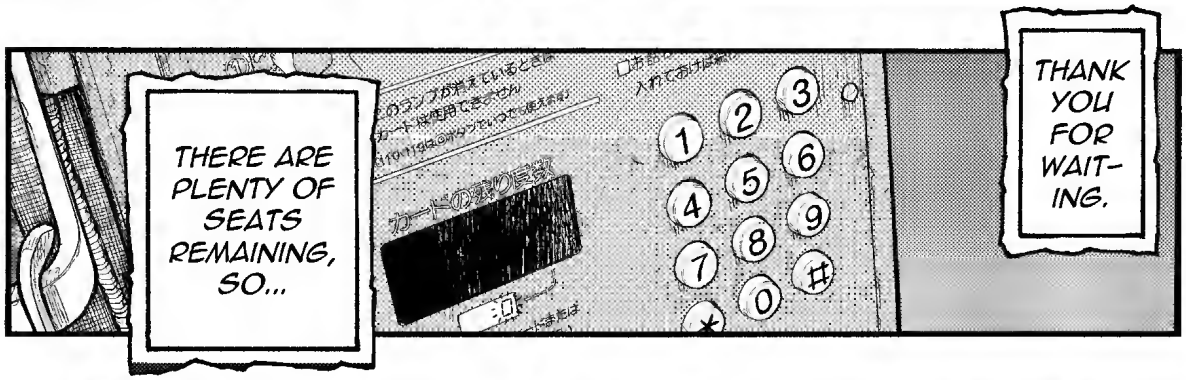




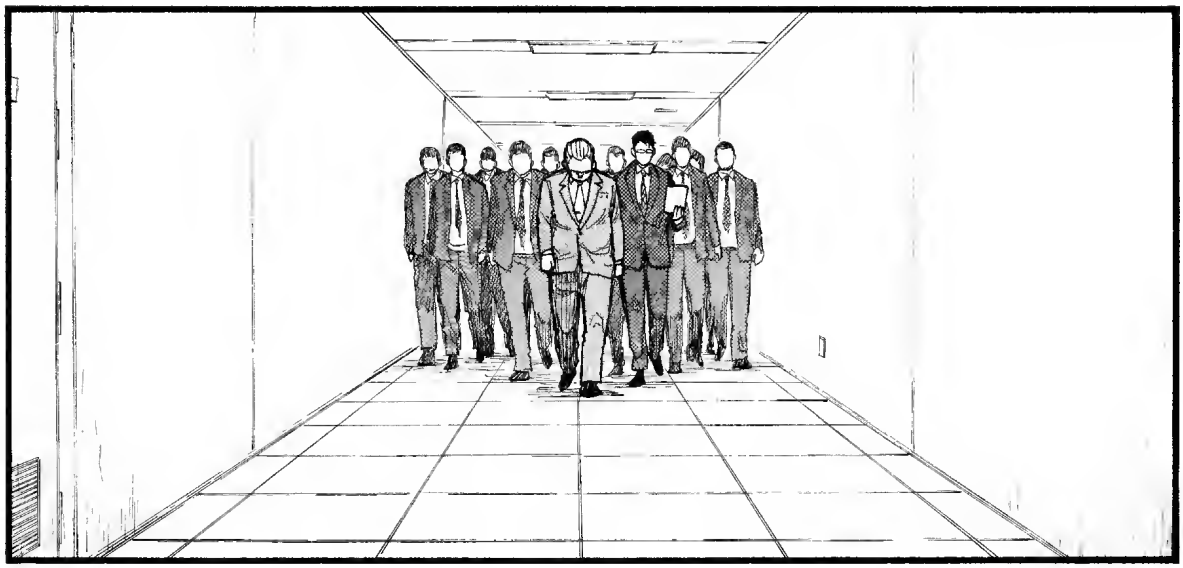


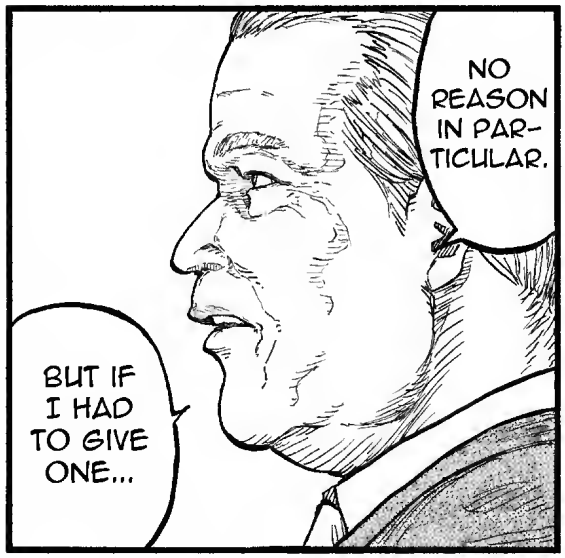


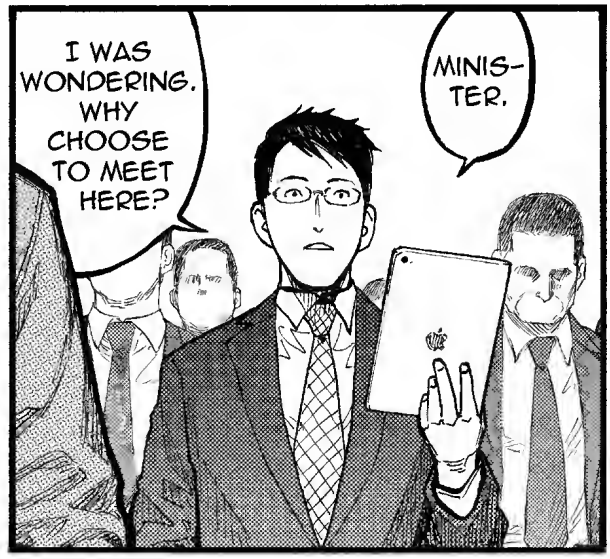


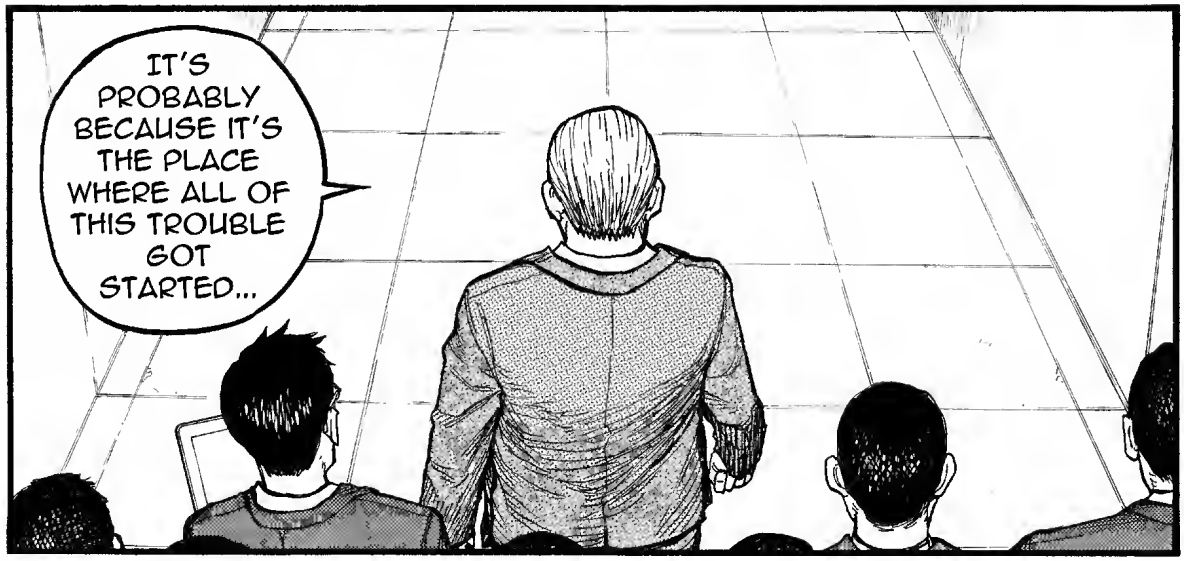

THANK YOU FOR WAIT-ING.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF SEATS REMAINING, SO...

...
SIR?

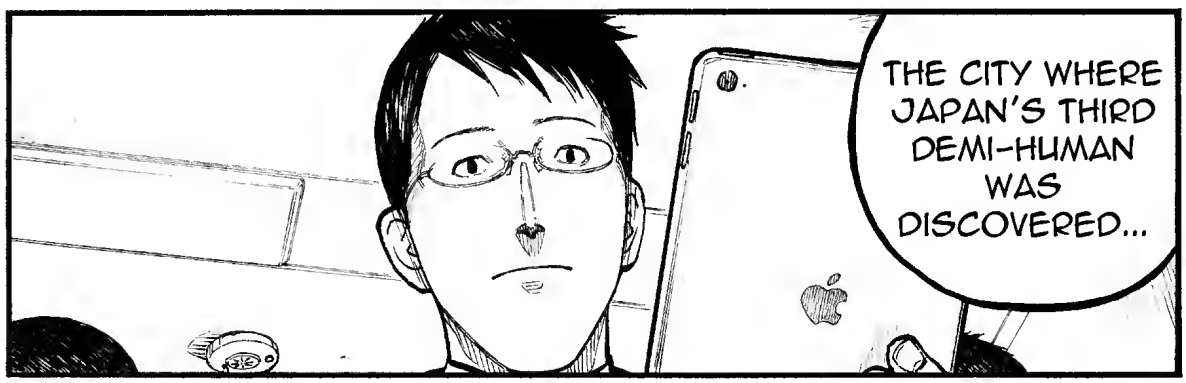



NO REASON IN PARTICULAR.
BUT IF I HAD TO GIVE ONE...


I WAS WONDERING. WHY CHOOSE TO MEET HERE?
MINISTER.


IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE IT'S THE PLACE WHERE ALL OF THIS TROUBLE GOT STARTED...

IRUMA CITY
Iruma city.
入間市 (いるまし)


THE CITY WHERE JAPAN'S THIRD DEMI-HUMAN WAS DISCOVERED...

THE PLACE WHERE KEI NAGAI...
...WAS BORN...
... WHERE HE WAS RAISED ...
AND

WHERE HE DIED.